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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Resettling Squatters

IF, by going into committee regularly, the Urban Council can speed up fulfilment of the squatter resettlement programme, it will be doing a great service to the community. Mr. Ruttonjee and the supporters of his proposal which the Council adopted yesterday, clearly are convinced that the problem of resettlement is not being tackled with sufficient energy and that it needs something more than a small department and a select committee to achieve progress commensurate with the needs of the moment. The disclosure that the resettlement programme is behind schedule is disquieting. The whole squatter problem is one of great urgency calling for quick action. And if the resettlement programme is being impeded because of indefinite policies or lack of progressive and practical ideas it is right that something be done to correct the situation. One indication of how indecision and frustration are caused by the system under which squatter resettlement has to operate was given by Mr. Bernacchi who complained that "even on policies the decisions involved being sometimes of wide sweeping effect I have found myself hampered in freely discussing them with other members of this Council by virtue of the Standing Orders in respect to non-disclosure." Manifestly it is ridiculous to have a situation where one member of the Urban Council cannot discuss a subject with another member despite the fact it is of common interest. So long as the Urban Council is in any way responsible for squatter resettlement each and every member should be entitled to share actively in dealing with it. The main concern of everyone is the speed with which resettlement is accomplished, and the hope now is that with the whole of the Urban Council devoting its attention to the problem, it will be all the more readily resolved.

Seamen's Protest

BRITISH seamen who put into Russian and Polish ports complain that they are treated like criminals. The general secretary of the National Seamen's Union, Mr. Tom Yates, has written to the Polish Ambassador in London protesting against the treatment of the crew of a British cargo ship which has put in to the Polish port of Gdynia six times in the last seven months. He says that every time the ship enters this port "it is searched from stem to stern for contraband, the crew's personal effects are gone through, and even their correspondence is read. While this goes on they are herded together in a single room. Seamen are in fact having a thin time of it, what with the McCarran Act and the more gross importunities of the Communists. The Communists every now and then descend on the virtues of mutual trade and how much they wish to do to foster it, yet they go out of their way to make things impossible for seamen who have to carry on that trade."

Dulles' Important Statement On Blockade Of China

NO IMMEDIATE DECISION

Keeping The Reds Guessing

From HENRY LOWRIE

Washington, Feb. 10.

President Eisenhower has no immediate intention of blockading the Chinese mainland, bombing Manchuria or using the atomic bomb in Korea. This clear-cut and definite announcement came today from Mr. Foster Dulles.

President Eisenhower's plan, in the meantime, is to keep the enemy confused and guessing. Mr. Dulles, just back from his European tour, was questioned on the Administration's "new positive" policy by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Secretary of State, it was later revealed, explicitly stated that no decision had yet been taken to seal off the China mainland by the United Nations or an American blockade.

But Mr. Dulles did not commit himself on future action. He simply emphasised that a blockade had not been the subject of a top-level decision. He also stressed the value of keeping the Russian and Chinese Communists in the dark and letting them guess the next moves in Korea and the Far East generally.

Meanwhile congressional spokesmen have hinted that President Eisenhower may be tried by Congress to go ahead with whatever strategy he thinks justified.—London Express Service.

NOTHING DETERMINED

Washington, Feb. 11. The Eisenhower Administration appears to be succeeding in keeping not only the Communists but the United States Allies and its own people guessing about the next steps it will take in the Korean and European theatres of the anti-Communist struggle.

There is no authoritative information about the next moves in Korea or in Formosa, where President Eisenhower recently ended the "neutralisation" of the Chinese Nationalist island.

Nothing appears to be either finally determined or finally ruled out.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, was reported to have told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday that Mr. Eisenhower's decision to "denaturalise" Formosa did not specifically involve a move towards a naval blockade of the Chinese mainland, the bombing of Manchuria, the bombing of strategic targets in China itself or the use of the atomic bomb in Korea.

Mr. Dulles was reported by the Chairman of the Committee, Senator Alexander Wiley, to have said no determination had been made "up to date" regarding the naval blockade of the Chinese mainland.

PROS AND CONS

There has been nationwide discussion here of the pros and cons of such a blockade as a means of forcing the Chinese Communists to want an armistice.

like in the Korean war and of reducing their war potential in both the Korean and Indo-Chinese wars.

It appears to be recognizing that such a blockade would require consultation and agreement with other naval Powers, and every indication from London is that Britain would oppose it.

The machinery of the United Nations could be used to obtain international co-operation in such a blockade. The United Nations General Assembly does not meet until the end of February.

As regards the European theatre, the feeling here is that the next step is up to Europe following the completion of the Dulles' mission's attempt to speed up ratification of the European Defence Community Treaty.

The British Government is expected to give assurances to the French Government this week about Britain's interest in and limited association with the European Defence Community for the full 50 years of its existence.

This is expected to help clear the way for ratification of the treaty by France and other European Powers.

Not until this has been done will Mr. Dulles and the Director of American foreign aid programmes, Mr. Harold Stassen, be able to put their case to Congress here for the appropriation of funds to aid European rearmament for the year 1953-54.—Reuter.

No Cycle Riding At Night

Nairobi, Feb. 10. Kikuyu tribesmen will be unable to ride bicycles at night in three Mau Mau affected districts of Kenya, under a government order which comes into effect on Thursday.

The order exempts townships in the three districts of Nakuru, Naivasha and Laikipia.—Reuter.

Britain Refuses To Sell Strategic Machinery To Red China

The Board of Trade today revealed that Britain had rejected Chinese Communist attempts to purchase here machinery regarded as "strategic" by the United Nations as long as Chinese troops are fighting in Korea.

After the Moscow economic conference last year, which some British businessmen and Members of Parliament attended, the China National Import-Export Board last October submitted to the Board of Trade a list of items which it wished to buy.

Mr. Henry Stansfeld, Parliamentary Secretary, revealed "35 of the main items on the list, in a

written answer to a question in the House of Commons today. Inquiries at the Board of Trade revealed that only five of the items could be approved for export to Communist China.

The Board of Trade spokesman said those items were textile machinery and equipment, office machinery, some types of small refrigerators, basic coal mine lamps and sewing machine needles.

The Chinese also asked for such items as diesel engines, air compressors, hydraulic presses, steam hammers, drop forging machines, various types of drills and other machinery and parts.

After the outbreak of the Korean war, the United Nations approved a list of strategic exports which should be forbidden to Communist China.—United Press.



During the mass spinning held in Delhi, India, recently, in connection with the anniversary of the death of Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru, the Premier (left) and Dr Rajendra Prasad, the Indian President, were among those that took part.—London Express.

Naguib Decrees Himself Absolute Ruler

Cairo, Feb. 10.

"Strong Man" General Mohammed Naguib tonight became the absolute ruler of this ancient nation on the Nile.

In a lightning "constitutional proclamation" the tough, wiry Army officer who overthrew a king, put politicians out of action and won the hearts of his people, put all the reins of government in his own hands for a period of three years.

The proclamation was issued in his capacity as the Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief and leader of the Army Junta. It gave him sovereign powers and authority to hire and fire cabinets.

Naguib took over the former land of the Farouk while his nation was still speculating on the possibility that new elections might be held soon.

Officially, Egypt will remain a monarchy during the three years which are being called the "transition period" by Naguib, but actually the role of the King, Prince Abdul Monem, will be limited to merely signing the "Strong Man's" decree laws.

The dynamic but modest and retiring new and unquestioned leader of Egypt declared that he had acted "in order to achieve a proper state of stability of the Government regime during the transition period, in order to define the rights and duties of all citizens and in order that the country enjoy overall stability, enabling it to attain fruitful production and raise it to a standard desired by us all."

FOUR DECREES

Detailing the regime he has established, Naguib said, "I declare in the name of the people that the country will govern in the transition period in accordance with the following rules" and decreed the following:

- 1.—The adoption of sovereign powers for a three-year transitional period.
- 2.—His authority to appoint and dismiss cabinet ministers.
- 3.—The Cabinet's assumption of executive powers.

4.—The establishment of a "Congress" composed of Cabinet members and the 13-man military Junta, led by and including Naguib, to handle legislation. The proclamation also defined that all powers emanated from the people, that Egyptians had equal rights and duties before the law, established social and religious freedoms and the authority of the courts.

Although unexpected, General Naguib's decisive action did not cause much immediate surprise here, as would a similar step by another man.

Observers of the strong man's meteoric rise from an almost unheard-of Army officer have noted that Naguib's major moves have all come with the suddenness of a volcano eruption after a long period of quiet.

SUDDEN ACTION

Shortly after Farouk was forced from his throne last July, General Naguib appeared almost ready to fall victim to the politicians who had openly defied him without any apparent reaction. But suddenly, in September, there came a swift crackdown and the round-up of 70 former important figures and later came Naguib's assumption of the premiership and his abolition of all political parties except his Liberation organisation.

On the international front he has been equally unpredictable. He was for long so inactive about carrying out his nation's dreams of gaining the Sudan and full control of the Suez Canal Zone that many, including the British, were lulled into the belief that the strong man would see things the British way.

This honeymoon ended at the end of the year when Naguib suddenly stated up, vehemently swore to get the British off Egyptian soil and sent his own delegation South to out-manoeuvre the British in the Sudan.—United Press.

TALKS RESUME

Cairo, Feb. 11. British and Egyptian delegates are resuming their negotiations on the future of the Sudan here today in an atmosphere of growing optimism.

They are reported to be confident that an agreement is in sight on the future of the one million square mile territory at present jointly ruled by both countries.

Sir Ralph Stevenson, Britain's Ambassador here, will head the British side and Prime Minister Mohammed Naguib will head the Egyptian negotiators at this plenary meeting.

Dr. Foad Galal, Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, said yesterday that Britain still "needs some convincing" on certain points of the Sudan issue.

Dr. Galal told a press conference he was hopeful that understanding would be reached soon.

Asked how Egypt would "convince" Britain, Dr. Galal said "everything is going through talks and negotiations."

He declared: "The Egyptian government is not in a position to compromise over Sudanese aspirations and rights which are the basic points in the current Anglo-Egyptian negotiations."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

TEST MATCH SENSATIONS

Melbourne, Feb. 11. Continuing their uphill fight, South Africa this morning took four more Australian wickets while yielding only 79 runs to bring the fifth and final Test to an interesting stage.

At the luncheon adjournment Australia, 89 for three overnight, were 168 for seven.

Hazlett was first to go in this morning's play, mugged by drizzle, caught by Edean off Mansell after he had brought his overnight score of 17 to 30, the score-board then reading 128.

A run later, Archer was caught by Watkins off Tayfield for a "duck".

Craig and Benaud made a stand of 23 before the 17-year-old batsman fell a victim to Tayfield, Edean holding a chance after juggling the ball. Craig's contribution was 47.

And at the same total, 152, Ring was caught by Edean off Mansell for a duck.

Benaud, joined by Langley, collapsed the bowling and was 24 not out when the teams adjourned. Langley has yet to score.

Australia is now 239 ahead with three more wickets to fall. Tayfield has taken three wickets for 51, Mansell two for 35 and Fuller 2 for 60.—Reuter.

50 Arrested Following Bomb Outrage

Tel-Aviv, Feb. 10.

The Israeli police today arrested 50 members of the "Young Hebrew" organisation and the Anti-Communist League in connection with last night's bombing of the Soviet Legation, and were conducting a round-up of other anti-Communist extremists.

Arrests were made in Tel-Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem as the Israeli government mobilised its police to track down the terrorists who slipped through a guard of five Israeli policemen outside the three-storey Legation building and flung a bomb through a window at 10 local time last night.

Three persons were injured in the explosion, including Madame Pavlov Yershov, wife of the Soviet Minister.

It was understood the Soviet Minister delivered a bitter protest to the Israeli government tonight in which he held the Israeli government responsible because it had permitted "inflammatory" propaganda against the Soviet Union to circulate in Israel.

Delivery of the Soviet note could not be confirmed, although it was reported on good authority.

Meanwhile, the Israeli police, for the first time since the explosion, were permitted to enter the 25-room Legation late this afternoon to question Legation employees and look for fingerprints.

The Legation lifted its order against police entering the Legation premises, which are technically extrajurisdictional, after the Israeli government in a note expressing its sorrow at the bombing, also pointed out that the Legation order hampered its investigation of the incident.

It was not believed in any quarter of the government that Russia would sever relations with Israel as a result of the incident.—United Press.

MANHUNT BEGINS

Jerusalem, Feb. 10. Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion told Parliament today that a nation-wide manhunt is underway to find the terrorists who bombed the Soviet Legation in Tel-Aviv last night.

The search for the perpetrators of the "abominable outrage" is being pushed "with the utmost vigour," Ben-Gurion said.

"By their senseless crime," he added, "the perpetrators have profaned the honour of Israel and demeaned the good name of the Jewish nation."

As the Premier faced late Communist and Leftist Mopam MPs shouting for a full dress debate on the bombing in which four Soviet civilians were injured, Israeli police arrested several dozen suspects, mostly in Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem.

"The police were ordered to stem any further anti-Soviet terrorism which was expected to crop up in protest against the recent Russian attacks on Jews."

In Jaffa, Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem, police raided the offices of the "Anti-Communist

League", confiscating documents. Among those arrested were two alleged members of the League, Colonel Chaviv Shiber, an unsuccessful candidate in the last Parliamentary elections, and Michael Wallish, a waiter.

INQUIRY HINDERED

Ben-Gurion explained that investigations of the bombing had been delayed by Russian Minister Pavel Yershov's refusal before this morning to allow Israeli experts to inspect the bomb damage.

Permission was granted, he said, only after an Israeli note was sent to the Russian Minister Pavel Yershov's refusal before this morning to allow Israeli experts to inspect the bomb damage.

Ben-Gurion added that prior to the bombing, the Russian refused to accept Israeli police guards within the Legation courtyard where the explosives were planted.

The Premier was repeatedly interrupted by Communist MP Meier Wilner, who shouted that the government was guilty for "the crime which was endangering the peace of Israel."

Mopam leader Mordecai Ben-Zvi tried to initiate an immediate debate, indicating that his party would vote for a confidence motion tooust Ben-Gurion's government. His motion was referred to the House Committee for consideration.

Ben-Gurion expressed Israel's good wishes for recovery of the four Soviet civilians injured in the bombing.

The Russian Minister's wife was discharged from the hospital today. Of the other three injured, only Sofia Vana, a cook, is still in hospital and reported in serious condition.—Associated Press.

Security Police Under Arrest

Vienna, Feb. 10.

Most of the senior members of the Hungarian security police are now under arrest, according to reliable reports received here from Budapest.

The arrest of Jewish officials and doctors is reported to have continued throughout Hungary during last weekend.—Reuter.

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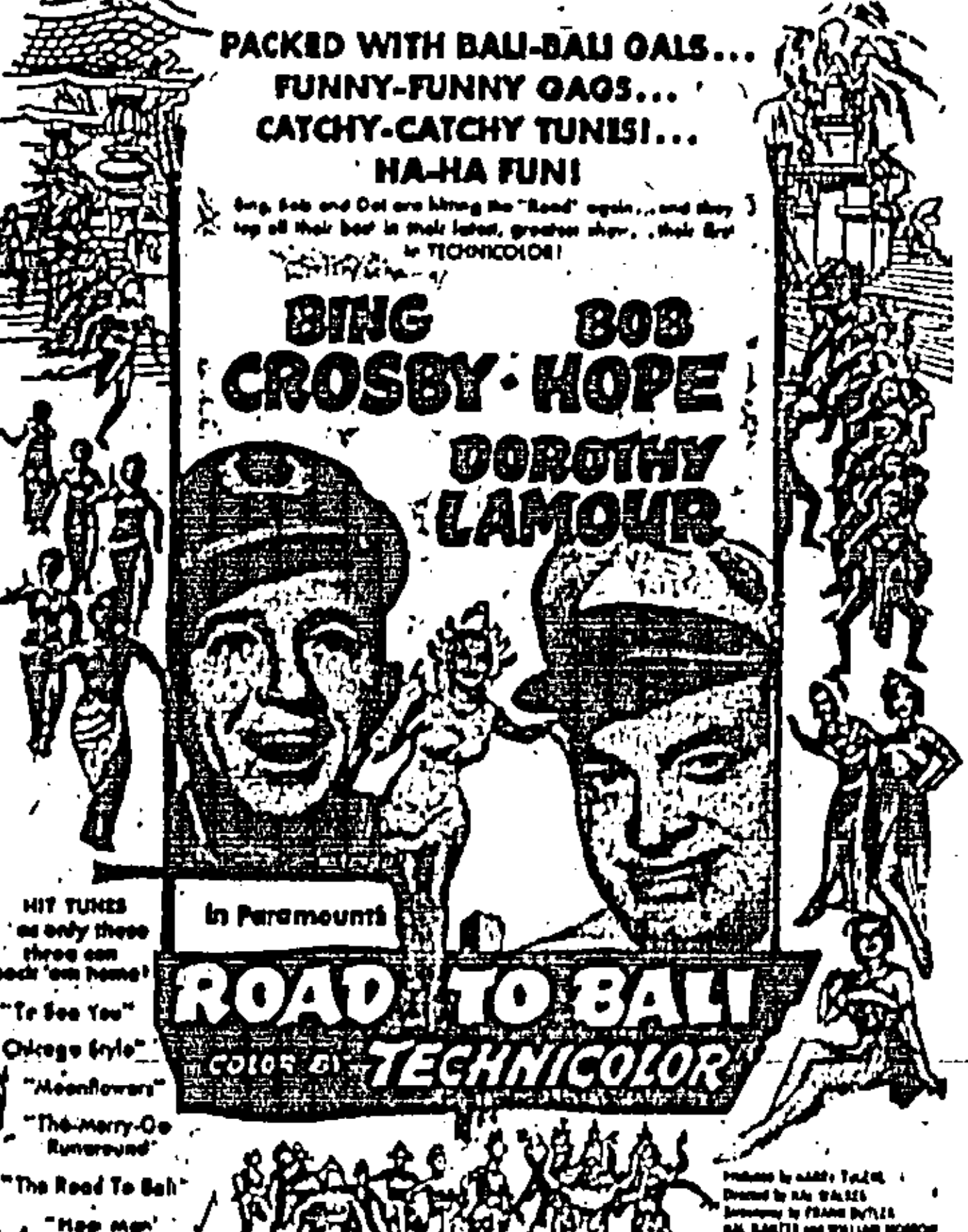
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New Piccard Diving Apparatus



This huge apparatus at the Naples Naval Dockyard, Italy, resembling a one-man submarine, is being prepared for Professor Piccard's forthcoming deep sea diving experiments in the Capri regions. (London Express Photo).

Stalin Begins Large Scale Purge To Stir Up Baltic Satellites

Stockholm, Feb. 10

Stalin has now started a purge of incompetent politicians and officials in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, his north-west wall against Europe.

Strong Man Law For Three Years

Cairo, Feb. 10.

Premier Mohamed Naguib today announced that he and his 13-man "Council of Leadership to the Revolution" henceforth will exercise acts of sovereignty during the three-year transitional period proclaimed last January.

The transitional period was brought about by dissolution of all political parties, leaving Naguib, his all-military Council and Cabinet Ministers as sole executive and legislative authorities in the country.

The announcement was made in a "provisional charter" whose text was made public at a news conference by Fouad Galal, Minister of National Guidance.

Galal said the charter did not mean any change in Egypt's present Monarchic regime and that the functions of the Regent will continue unchanged.

He added that the charter had already entered into effect and that for "some time the Army Council and Cabinet have been meeting in Congress" as provided by the new provisional charter.

The charter sets forth equality of all Egyptians before the law and advocates individual freedom, freedom of expression and freedom of worship.—Associated Press.

Japanese Test Tube Babies

Tokyo, Feb. 10.

The Gynaecology Department of the Koto University Hospital, Tokyo, reports that artificial insemination is becoming increasingly popular with childless couples.

Most of the "test tube" babies, the first of which is now three years old, are boys.

Fees vary from 5,000 to 10,000 yen (\$5 to £10, Sterling).—Reuter.

Eating his words



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STALIN WAS BADLY ADVISED

—Says Mr Truman

St. Louis, Feb. 10.

The Post Dispatch today quoted former President Truman as expressing the opinion that Russia's Premier Joseph Stalin, had been "taken in" by his own Politburo's unsound reasoning that a double cross in world affairs was in order.

The newspaper, in a copy-righted story from Kansas City, reported Mr. Truman as suggesting that the quick demobilization of United States armed forces after World War II was one of the principal reasons for Russia's change of attitude from the Potsdam meeting.

At Potsdam, Mr. Truman said, "We thought we had accomplished something."

"Stalin assured us that he would carry out the Yalta agreement but it developed later he was a captive of the Politburo."

In the interview with the Post Dispatch, Truman said it was hard for "American people to get the idea that we are a world power, but we are learning our lesson now."—Associated Press.

Witch-Hunt To Persist

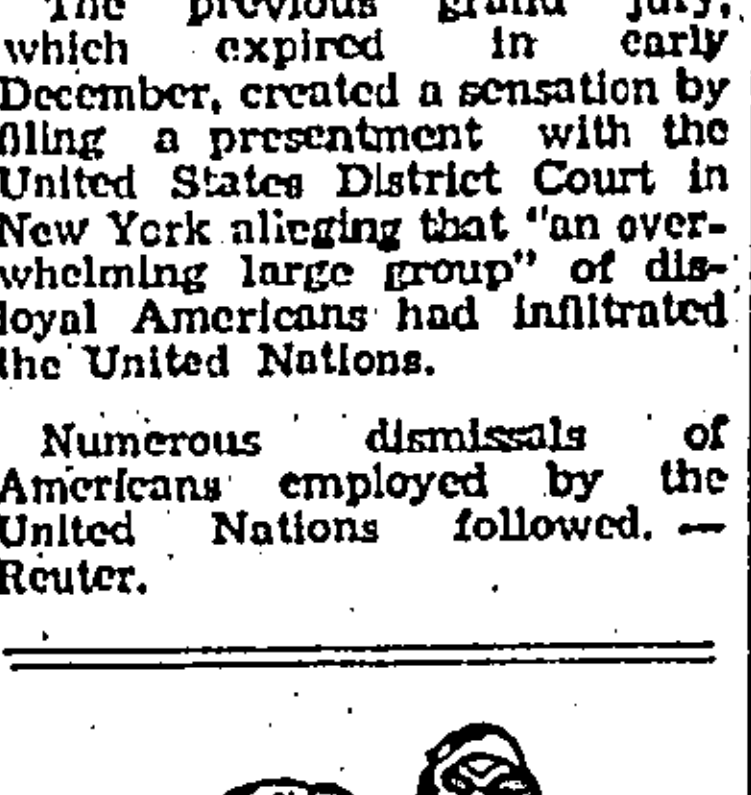
Washington, Feb. 10.

The Attorney-General, Herbert Brownell, today named a new special prosecutor to work with a Federal grand jury in New York investigating charges of disloyalty among Americans employed by the United Nations.

The appointment went to Mr. Thomas Donagan, former agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, now in private law practice.

The previous grand jury, which expired in early December, created a sensation by filing a presentment with the United States District Court in New York alleging that "an overwhelming large group" of disloyal Americans had infiltrated the United Nations.

Numerous dismissals of Americans employed by the United Nations followed.—Reuter.



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Adenauer Pounces On Neo-Nazi Free Corps: Top Leaders Arrested

Army Chiefs In Secret Talks

Frankfurt, Feb. 10. The United States Army's two top generals in Europe had a one-hour secret talk here today in a plane parked on Frankfurt's Rhine Main airfield.

General Matthew B. Ridgway, Allied Supreme Commander in Europe, and General William H. Tunner, Commander in Chief of United States forces in Europe, flew in from Paris for this talk.

General Thomas T. Handy, his Deputy as Commander of United States forces, boarded his plane.

When General Handy left, General Ridgway flew off to Paris without leaving the aircraft. A spokesman at General Handy's headquarters in Frankfurt said he could give no further information.—Reuter.

Bonn, Feb. 10. The West German Government today banned the ultra-nationalistic "German Free Corps", charging it with plotting to seize power and to set up a new Nazi-like state.

The West German security police have arrested four top "Free Corps" leaders and have issued a warrant for a fifth, Gustav Schulz, one of the seven one-time Nazis under interrogation by British intelligence agents since January 14.

The Federal Interior Ministry also sent Police to search the homes of 35 other "Free Corps" chieftains, it was announced.

The Director of the Interior Ministry, Hans Egid, said that the authorities had not yet established whether the Free Corps was actively linked with the seven men, alleged Nazi cell at present held by the British on suspicion of conspiring to overthrow the German Government.

Government agents seized enough Free Corps records to prove that the organisation,

which was built along paramilitary lines, was actually Nazi in nature, Egid asserted.—United Press.

BRITISH INTEREST

London, Feb. 10. Official quarters in London tonight welcomed the German Federal government's snoop on the Freikorps Deutschland as an energetic move to defend democracy in Western Germany.

The organisation had been watched by British security police in Germany for some time, it was understood. Officials are now waiting to see what links, if any, the Freikorps had with the Naumann group.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the German Chancellor, told Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, British High Commissioner in Germany, of his intention to ban the Freikorps Deutschland some days ago, it is understood authoritatively.—Reuter.

Strenuous Efforts To Stop Refugee Flow

Berlin, Feb. 10. The East German Communists today took new measures to isolate West Berlin from surrounding Soviet territory in an effort to halt the record flow of refugees to the West.

However, 1,250 East Germans sought asylum in the West today to raise the number of refugees this month to 11,000. At this rate the February total will exceed even the record of 25,434 set last month.

The Communist police erected two more barbed wire entanglements on the border of East Germany and West Berlin, barred residents of the

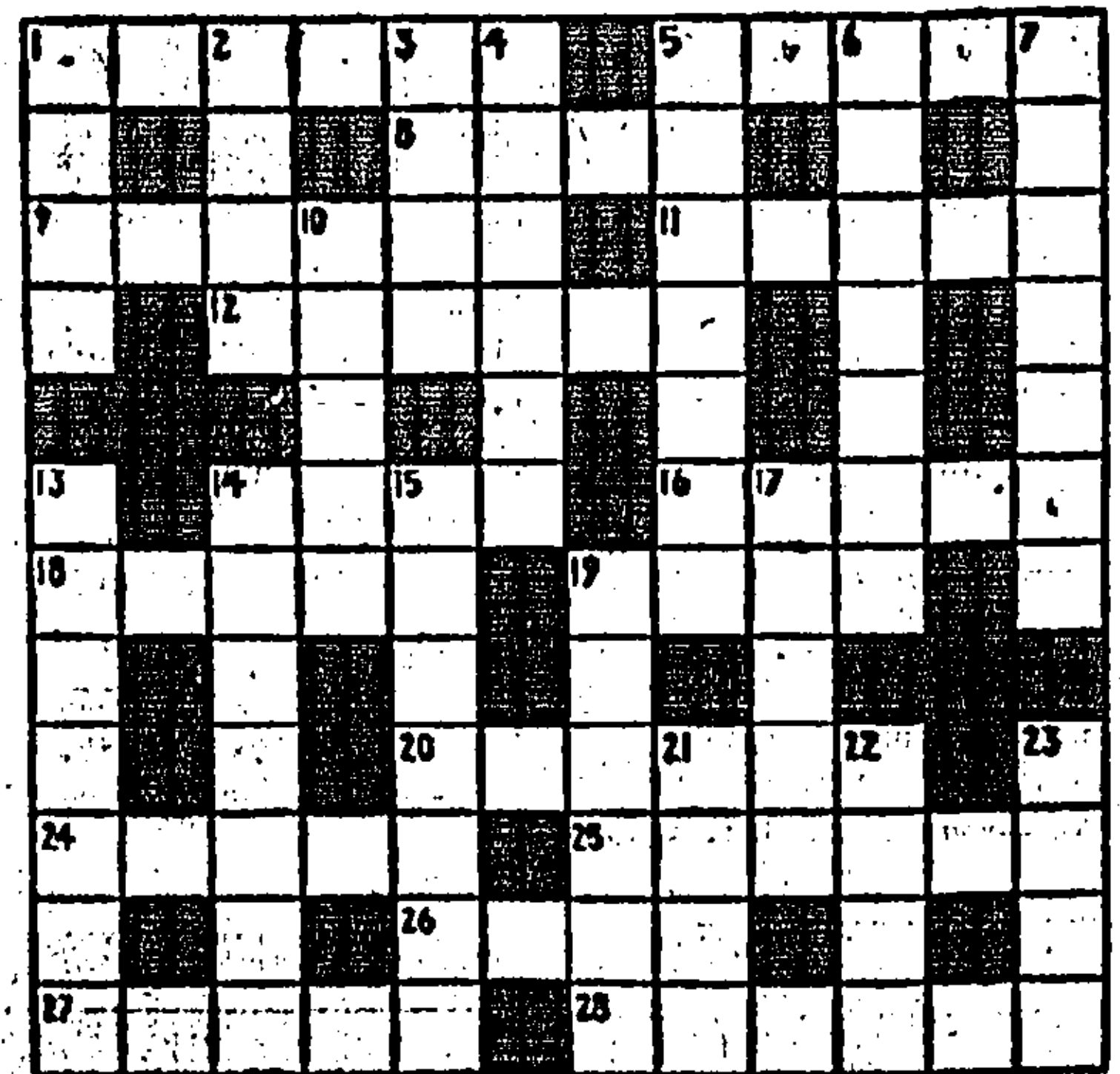
U.S. Not Dropping Case

Washington, Feb. 10. The State Department today rejected yesterday's Hungarian note telling the United States it could recover its transport planes forced down on Hungarian soil in November 1951 by buying it for \$98,779 (about £37,000).

The United States demanded the return of the plane or payment by the Hungarian government to cover its value.

Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department's spokesman, said the Hungarian note did not dispose of the issues which the State Department would take on again.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. Veto.
 2. Overwhelm.
 3. Course.
 4. Haphazard.
 5. Urge forward.
 6. Showy stuff.
 7. Lapse.
 8. Ours.
 9. Stimulating atmosphere.
 10. Poems.
 11. Ransom.
 12. Play.
 13. Assert.
 14. Flower.
 15. Artificial silk.
 16. Delicious drink.
- DOWN**
1. Violent anger.
 2. Declaim.
 3. Metal.
 4. Fruit.
 5. Adept.
 6. Aim high.
 7. Throb.
 8. Seat.
 9. Go to the bottom.
 10. Clipping art.
 11. Chorus.
 12. Gem.
 13. Decree.
 14. Besides.
 15. Soften.
 16. Darn.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Casts, 4. Robust, 8. Asylum, 10. Rains, 12. Modest, 14. Proceed, 17. Feet, 19. Dishes, 20. Shines, 22. Glad, 23. Uttered, 27. Simmer, 29. Trio, 30. Dapper, 31. Haggis, 32. Cleric, Down: 1. Class, 2. Style, 3. Spurn, 4. Ogre, 5. United, 7. Tracks, 9. Modicum, 11. Astute, 13. Modest, 15. Trail, 16. Credit, 18. Serv, 20. Sceptic, 21. Losing, 24. Treat, 25. Rupture, 26. Dared, 28. Meal.

Eva Peron Memorial



A huge stone memorial made in Pietrasanta, Italy, by the Italian sculptor Leone Tommasi, to be sent to Buenos Aires. The Memorial, in memory of Eva Peron, late wife of the Dictator of the Argentine, is to be erected in front of the Palace of Social Assistance in Buenos Aires. (London Express Photo).

Soviet Moderation Over Formosa Presents A Puzzle

London, Feb. 10. Moscow's surprisingly mild reaction to President Eisenhower's statement on Formosa is interpreted here as meaning that Soviet leaders might still be hoping to bring about a meeting between the President and Premier Stalin.

Diplomats pointed out here that Pravda had merely registered the cool reception which the latest American move in Asia got in many countries but that it had refrained from attacking the President in any way.

The reaction itself was made to look as unofficial as Pravda could make it. It was not a Government declaration nor was it made in a leading article. It was printed on Pravda's fourth page as one of three items in the newspaper's regular review of events abroad and signed by a second rate analyst, P. Korionov.

After quoting profusely from European and Asiatic newspapers to demonstrate how unpopular the Formosa move was, Pravda readily agreed that it meant "widening the scale of military operations in the Far East," but it did not press the point too strongly.

It noted with satisfaction that the President's decision on Formosa and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. John Foster Dulles' "ultimatum" to "Eastern Europe" has led to acute new controversies in the camp of the Anglo-American bloc.

MODERATION
Diplomats here said that Pravda's reaction on Formosa was one more example of Moscow's diplomatic moderation during the last two months, roughly since Christmas when in reply to questions addressed to him by a correspondent of the New York Times, Premier Stalin said that he was ready to meet President Eisenhower.

Examples are listed by diplomats as follows: 1.—Soviet propaganda has refrained from making personal attacks on President Eisenhower since his election.

2.—It has repeatedly stressed the "special importance" of the co-existence between the Communist bloc and the West at the present moment.

3.—Russia has merely accepted the non-prolongation of the Soviet-Persian fisheries agreement and has apparently refrained from exploiting the precarious Persian situation in a direct way.

4.—A few days ago Moscow suddenly agreed to take part in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe meeting on East-West trade—after falling to reply to the Commission's invitation for four months. More, the Russians at present want the meeting to take place almost at once, this month, if possible.

EXCUSING PURGES
As the diplomats pointed out, the Moscow "moderation" moves were unnoted or were minimised so far because they were made at a time when the West, and especially the United States, are accused by Communist propaganda of sending spies and saboteurs into the Soviet Union and its satellites. But these charges are not new. They are made regularly to justify the theory of a "hostile capitalist encirclement," and right now their aim is to provide an excuse for the violent purges that have been unleashed in all Communist-dominated countries. United Press.

Dictator Powers Sought By Malan

Capetown, Feb. 11. South Africa's Assembly faces the most important debate of its pre-election session today (Wednesday), when the Minister of Justice, Mr. Charles Swart, explains why the Nationalist Government has introduced its controversial "Public Safety Bill" as a new weapon against the Africans' defiance campaign.

The bill, which gives the executive or the Minister almost unrestricted powers to declare a state of emergency and suspend legislation will be accepted by the United Party opposition only if the Government agrees to safeguarding amendments assuring adequate checks by Parliament and courts.

The Assembly's minority Parliamentary Labour Party, which is part of the United Democratic Front against the Nationalists, has taken an adamant stand against the whole bill in principle and is expected to move its indefinite postponement.

The bill, linked with a second new measure, the Criminal Law Amendments Bill, which imposes fresh penalties, including flogging, for defiance of the Race Segregation laws, has brought charges of dictatorship and tyranny from anti-Government groups.

Members of the African National Congress have held protest meetings and the militant Torch Commando movement, founded by war veterans, has threatened countrywide demonstrations.—Reuter.

NO REASON FOR GLOOM OVER NATO

New York, Feb. 10. Mr. Frederick Anderson, United States Ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, said here tonight that despite a slowing in the defence buildup of Western nations, he saw "no justification for gloom."

Mr. Anderson, addressing the American Council on NATO, said he was "completely satisfied" with the spirit which Western countries were approaching the problem of building common NATO defences.

Problems of defence programmes were being met with confidence, determination and a spirit of solidarity, he declared.

Mr. Anderson warned against illusions that European unity could in any way be a substitute for Atlantic unity.

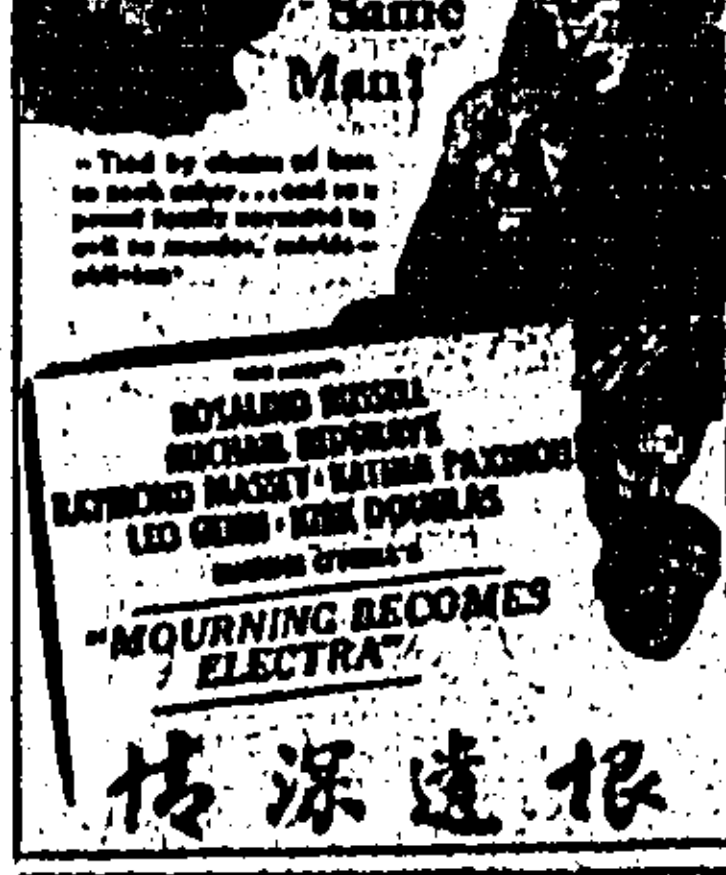
He said he believed prospects for ratification of a European Defence Community Treaty appeared brighter than several months ago.—Reuter.

Greeks On Trial

Athens, Feb. 10. Seventeen Greek peasants from villages along the Greek-Albanian frontier went on trial today before a military court at Konitza, near the Albanian border, charged with spying for Albania and with subversive activities through contacts with Greek Communist guerrillas.—Reuter.

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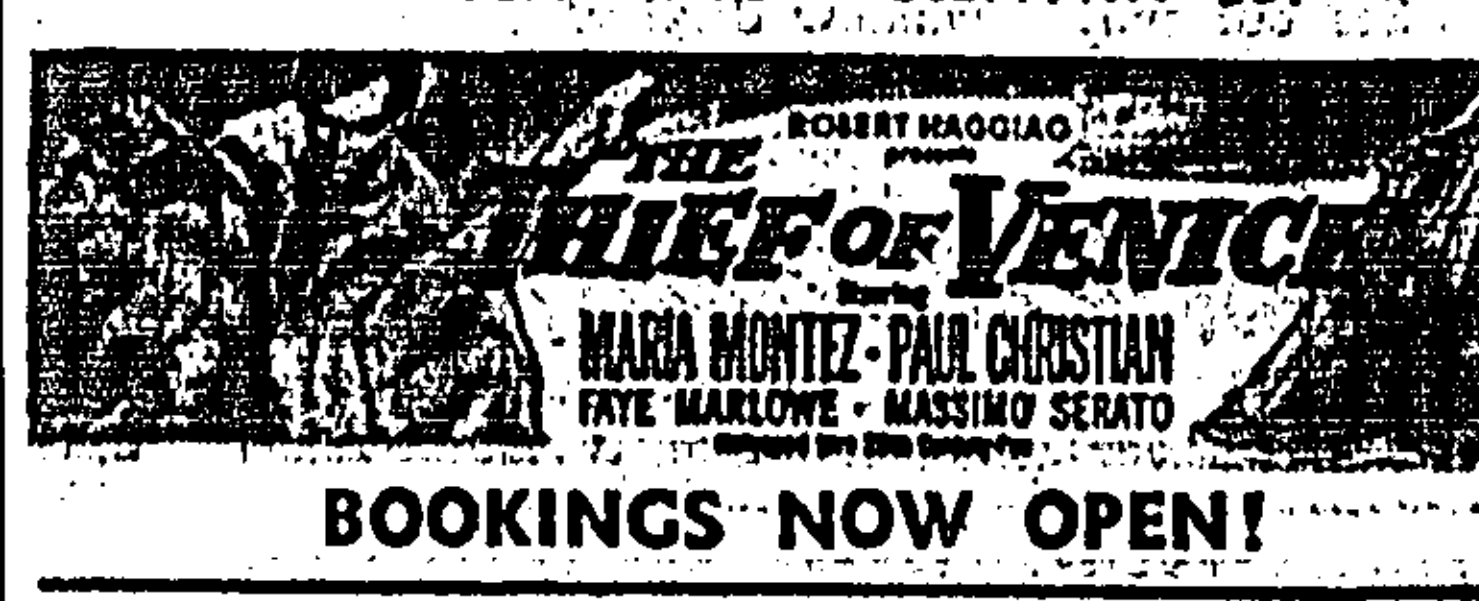
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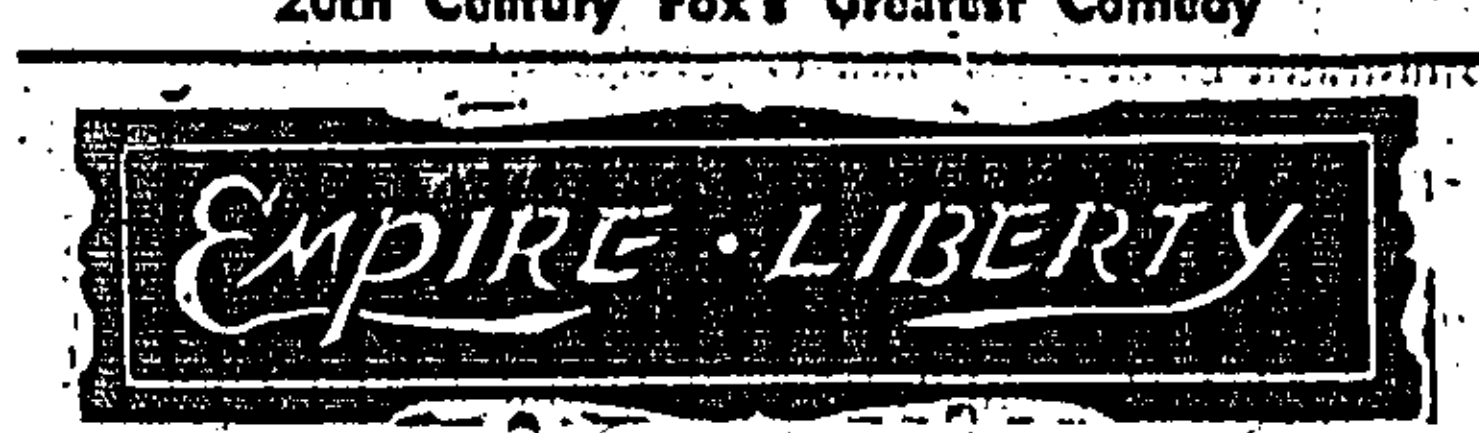
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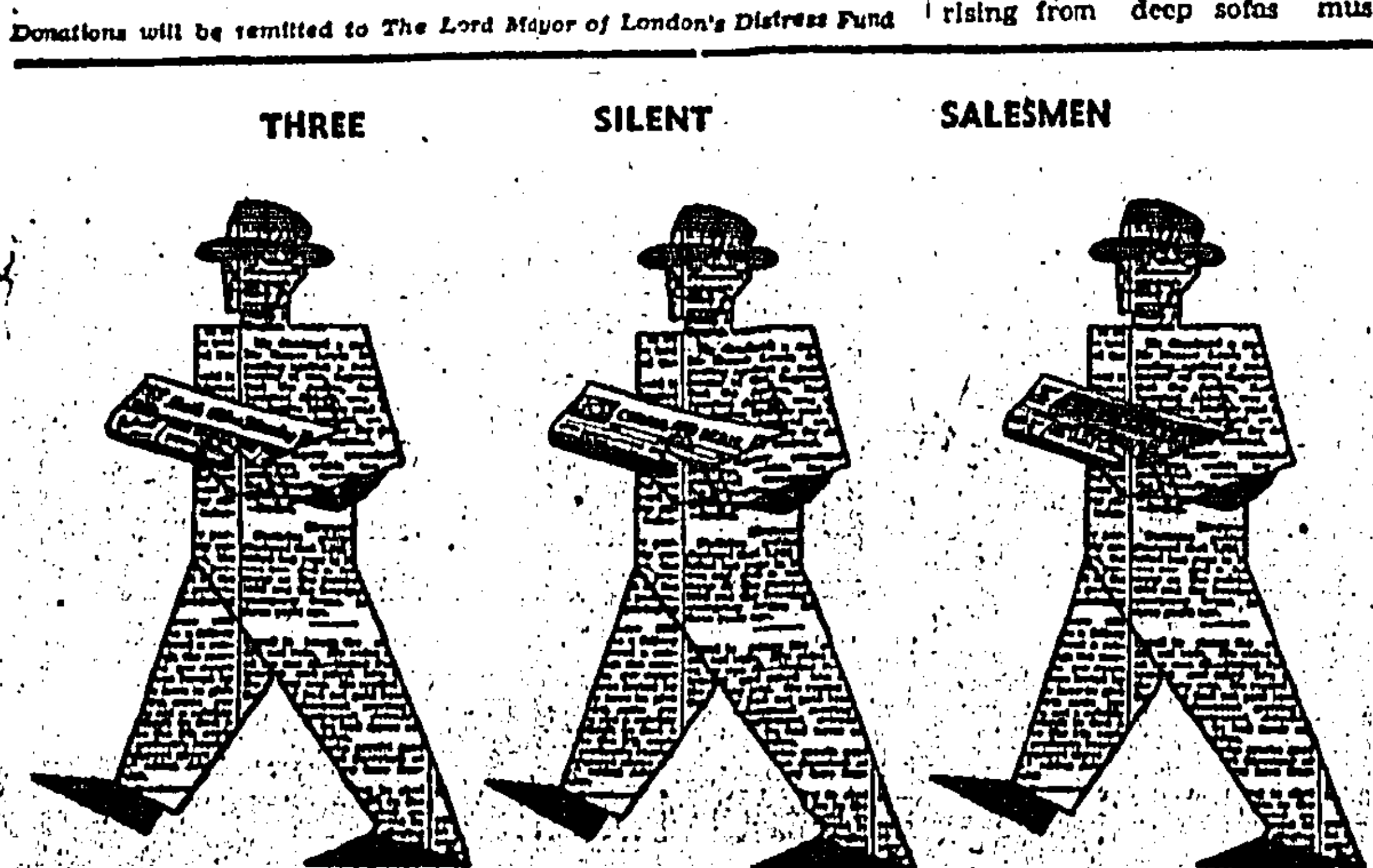
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THE MOMENT AMERICA ENVIES US

by R. M.
MacCOLL

IN the tough world of 1953 Americans don't envy Britain overmuch. But there is a massive exception to this.

Our Royal Family is regarded throughout the United States with an admiration and a fervently affectionate curiosity which, in its own way, matches the loyal warmth with which the British peoples across the world regard the Sovereign and her Family.

This is one of the more astounding paradoxes in the always fascinating mix-up of Anglo-American relations. The United States is a nation born of Revolution. In her schools the children are often taught that a throne is synonymous with a tyranny.

It is only a quarter of a century ago that a Chicago politician was "characterizing" "King George in the snoot" should he venture into the State of Illinois. It turned out later that the politician had got his Georges confused and was under the impression that the third one was still around. Yet if something like that happened today there would undoubtedly be a storm of disapproval from the Americans.

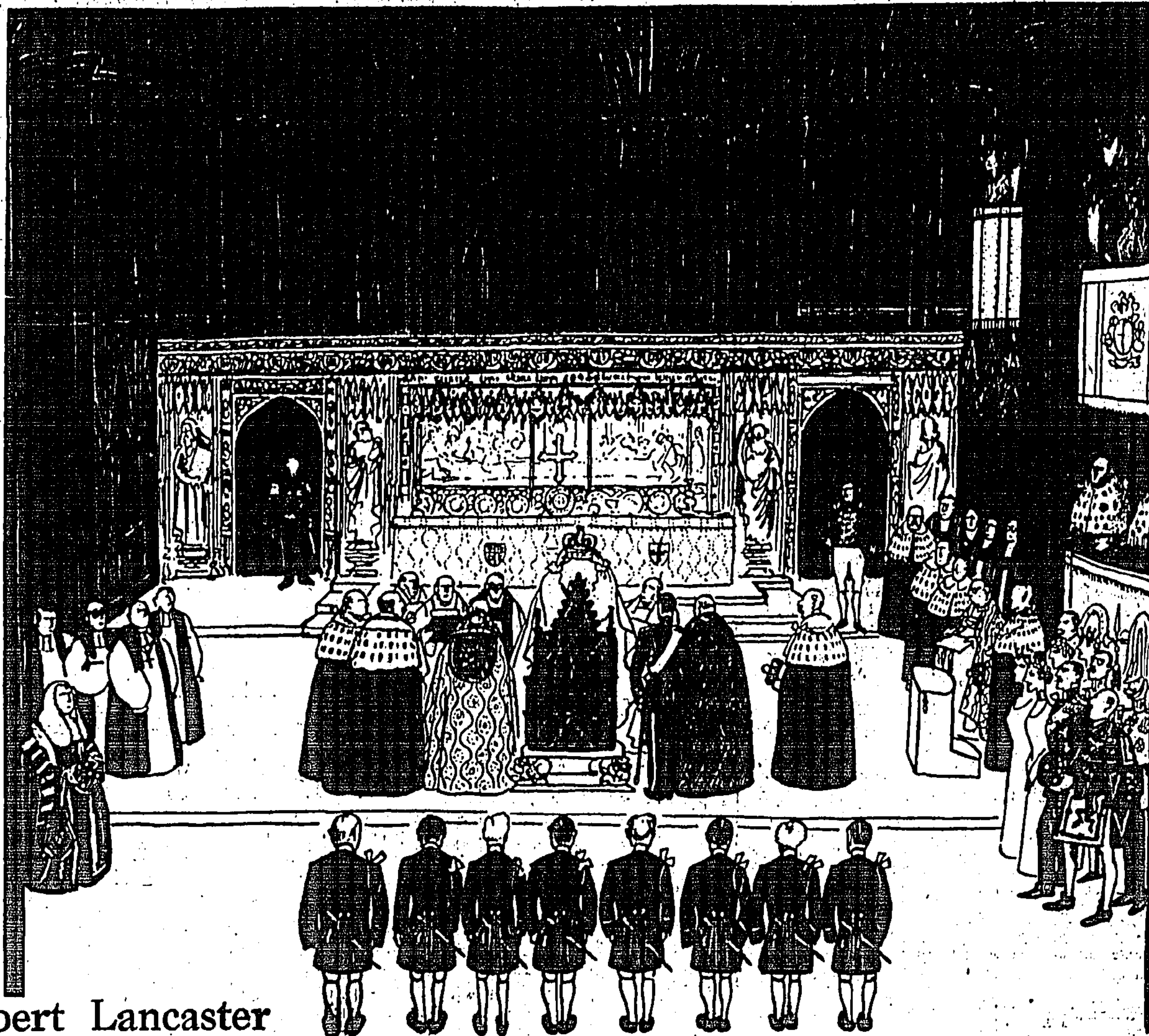
THREE REASONS A flag is inanimate

WHAT has produced this paradox? There are, I believe, three main reasons: (1) An American is brought up to pledge allegiance to his nation's flag, which represents the nation itself.

But while this is right and proper, Americans, with their passionate interest in personalities, their warm desire to know people (and if possible to like them), probably feel, now and then, a lack.

Thus (2) they turn with eagerness to this glamorous and charming family of ours, which provides with its human qualities, its good looks and charm, combined with so many of the sterner virtues, a continuing and very special kind

of steadfast reassurance in a world largely given over to drift, disaster and dismay. When all is said, the flag must remain an inanimate object. And so the American turns rather hungrily to news of this



Osbert Lancaster pictures the Abbey scene

United States not so long ago, although, to the general regret, she visited only Washington.

There she instantly succeeded in winning over the top correspondents of the nation's Press—men who are notably quick to make shrewd assessments of a person's worth.

That visit was a serene triumph. In the American idiom

it was "a perfect job of public relations." Lynx-eyed reporters saw never a hint of any of the "smoothness" which was provided in such ample measure by certain of Britain's prewar Ambassadors to Washington.

Princess Elizabeth, as she then was, showed that she could unbend without loss of dignity, could be gay, and could enjoy herself with a deft charm which Americans found captivating.

Thus, when a few brief weeks later George VI died, and Elizabeth found herself so abruptly face to face with responsibility, Americans everywhere tended to identify themselves all the more with the Queen and her great new task.

'THEIR QUEEN' So they're moving in

So what would, in any event, have produced a wave of interest and sympathy, and sharpened and heightened and personalised by the sense that here was someone that they really knew and liked. And they were, and are, all "pulling for her."

In the last few months before I left the United States it was rare for a week to go by without some feature or other on the Royal Family appearing in one of the multi-million circulation magazines.

Schoolgirls would discuss the Queen's hairdo or give Princess Margaret's latest ensemble an exhaustive scrutiny. And now the Coronation. Sometimes I got the impression that the whole of America intends to move over come next June, lock, stock, and hip-flask.

See—you can take it that our loyal American friends are determined to see and hear just as much as they possibly can about the crowning of "their" Queen.

SO the supreme moment of the Crowning Year arrives.

The Archbishop of Canterbury holds aloft St. Edward's Crown, above King Edward's Chair, with its Stone of Scone.

All around is the pageantry of a truly Great Occasion.

You can identify the personages in the scene by the key drawing below. The archbishop is numbered (1). Around the throne are the Great Officers of State (2).



On the left of the picture are the Lord Chancellor (3) and the non-official bishops (4). In the foreground (5) are the pages. On the right are the officers of the Royal Household (6), a King-at-Arms (7), and the canons of Westminster (8).

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

AS if there were not enough problems to worry people as they get older, we now have Margery Wilson, author of "You're As Young As You Act," telling middle-aged women that their hands get a "fisty look at fifty," that they find it hard to rise gracefully from modern low furniture, that fat women "appear to have no necks at all," and that the laughter of elderly women sometimes sounds like "the cackle of witches."

Therefore, to keep young, the fifty-fifties must never fold their hands on their laps, but must keep them on the arms of chairs "moving them every minute or so."

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Those who find difficulty in rising from deep sofas must

never "lunge this way and that, butting their way up like a female billy goat," but must get their right leg under them and press hard on the furniture with one hand.

Women with stiff knees must practise kneeling and rising on a soft cushion, those with no necks must "raise their shoulders right up under their ears and down again with all their might and main."

After going through all this drill several times, the poor, cackling witches are then supposed to "establish a pleasant laugh by placing a hand over the solar plexus, taking a long, deep breath and saying ha, ha, ha, or just a, a, a, a."

Those who will yell "a, a, a, a" with the most feeling will be the rheumatically ones with their right legs locked under them as they try to leap from a deep sofa.

Dinner with Mal Manger

DIRK BOGARDE is just another film star who does his own exquisite cooking, and just another famous man who has produced the perfect dinner for a visiting girl reporter.

Describing the experience, one of them wrote:—"In his dark paneled sitting-room we warmed ourselves in front of the blazing logs in the Charles I fireplace and sipped an aperitif... The sonorous notes of his Javanese gong suggested dinner... The rich cherry colour of the beetroot soup complemented the six flickering red candles, the russet Broadwood spinet, and the Tudor dresser he had picked up for £8... His exalted was apparent in the lanterns Au Vin Blanc a cher ingradient being soft roses... The Salade Gourmet served in red Venetian dishes made a gay contrast to the green mats sent from Hollywood."

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If a girl reporter cares to come and have dinner with her Uncle

Nat, better known in culinary circles as Mal Manger, she would be able to write as follows:—"In his dining-room, distempered in a billous yellow, I froze in front of a stove which had gone out because it was full of ash and cinders, and sipped a pink gin which bored holes in my empty stomach."

"The sonorous crash of a saucepan not only suggested dinner but that Mal Manger was having another pink gin in the kitchen. I managed to surprise him scraping boiled potatoes off the floor."

"The rich red of the tinned tomato soup, nearly cold, made a gay contrast to the faded red in the worn carpet, and the dark varnish on the phoney old dresser he had picked up for three times its value complemented the shiny black of the burning sausages he brought in, cursing, on a red-hot dish, some hours later."

"His artistry was apparent in the savoury Laitances Tres Chaud, which was soft rocs on charred toast smothered in red pepper."

"The black toast and the red pepper both complemented the phoney dresser and made a gay contrast to the faded carpet, but nearly choked me."

"Frozen, and full of red pepper, gin, and burned sausages, I then took leave of Mal Manger with lasting memories of an unforgettable evening."

Dream encounter

THE hoverplane dropped gently on to the roof of the Kremlin. I stepped out. I was immediately surrounded by guards who, like most Russians, had faces like potatoes. Closer examination revealed that they were, in fact, potatoes in peaked caps with little eyes in strange places.

"Dr Gubbins, I presume?" said the First Potato.

"The same," I said. "How is my patient, Stalin?"

"A nasty cold in the head," said the First Potato. "Why did you send for me?" I asked.

"Because you are the only doctor who will visit him now," said the First Potato.

The Second Potato frisked me for firearms and found a couple of hand grenades in my pocket. "What are these for?" asked the Second Potato.

"Shock treatment," I said. "The latest thing for colds."

"And what's in this?" he asked, finding a large bottle.

"A pint of arsenic," I said. "It's fatal to cold germs."

"Yes, friend," said the Second Potato.

Stalin, with a streaming nose, was wriggling in a bed full of wet handkerchiefs and toast crumbs. All the windows were closed.

"What you need is some fresh air," I said, pulling the pin out of one hand grenade and throwing it into a corner. In four seconds a hole was blown through the wall.

"Thanks," said Stalin. "It was a bit stuffy in here."

"Let me make your pillow more comfortable," I said, pulling the pin out of the other grenade and putting it under his head.

Stalin's head was blown off, but a Third Potato screwed it on again.

"Ah," said Stalin. "Now I can breathe. Can I have a tonic?"

I gave him the pint of arsenic, which he drained at a draught and said he felt hungry.

"What do you fancy?" I asked.

"A baked potato," said Stalin. A nurse removed the peaked cap from the Third Potato, popped him in the oven next to the bed, and baked him in his jacket. When he had finished his meal Stalin gave me the Order of Lenin, which he naked out of his pyjama pocket.

As I was leaving, the Second Potato said: "Are you satisfied with the condition of the patient?"

"Not yet," I said. "Keep him in bed. Tomorrow I will return with a couple of land mines to keep his feet warm."

(London Express Service)

THE HARD WAY

From NEWELL ROGERS

New York, Tuesday. HOW does an ex-book-keeper rise to be boss of the largest industrial empire in America?

Harlow H. Curtice has just stepped into the presidency of General Motors Corporation, the world's biggest motor-car maker, at the age of 59.

Curtice succeeds Charles E. Wilson, who left to be President Eisenhower's Defence Secretary.

At the age of 29 he answered an advertisement for a book-keeper of a "spark-plug" firm owned by G.M. Fifteen years

later he was its boss. Then he has moved steadily up the G.M. ladder.

His salary goes up from about \$150,000 to over \$200,000.

He is in his Detroit office at 8 a.m. To get there, the man whose company made 2,268,000 cars and trucks last year flies from his home in Farmington, Michigan, about 60 miles away.

This is Curtice's formula for getting to the top: "Do it the hard way. Think ahead of your job. Then nothing in the world can keep the job ahead from reaching out and taking you."

Be bold, knowing that finally no one can cheat you but your self.



Too

many grasping hands!

ALWAYS REACHING FOR CASH, THEY ARE A SMUDGE ON SOCCER

Mention cleaning up football, and the Soccer chiefs of the Football Association and Football League will raise an indignant brow and demand: What news cleaning up?

And right back comes the answer from that vigorous veteran Manchester City chairman Bob Smith: "We know that under-the-table payment has been going on, is still going on, and it can kill the game unless it is checked."

In one bold phrase Chairman Smith singles out the big bad bogey of football. This is the evil that smirches its way muckily right across the game. Some clubs are heavily smudged across, others carry but a light trace. But few indeed are the clubs who can stand up and say "Not guilty."

This is the rotten core which is never spoken of except in whispers. This is the grim

practice which everyone knows goes on but none will try to alter. None except the bold Bob Smith.

LET'S START AFRESH

Two years ago, when he presented his famous "Clean-up charter," Chairman Smith asked the League clubs to meet and resist the under-the-counter business, to cut out poaching—in fact, to clean up once and for all.

He said: "There are few clubs who can come out and say that they have never strayed from the rules laid down clearly and carefully by the Football Association. All right. Then let us start afresh. Let there be an amnesty, a wiping out of misdeeds in the past. If the clubs stand firm we can clean the whole thing up."

Soccer clubs who cheered this refreshing honesty were all for the Smith Soccer revival—until the day of the meeting. Then

they muttered: "Leave things as they are. Why create a fuss? Football is not too bad. And so the clean-up charter went."

Chairman Smith says he is still prepared to bring up his plan if he can be assured of real support.

This can be a great year for football. In the coronation month of June the League clubs will meet and the "Clean-up charter," could be the star item of business.

But the chances of all-round support are about as thin as getting a Cup Final ticket. The reply will be: "Oh! football is not so bad. At least it is 90 per cent clean."

THINKS DIFFERENTLY

Think so? Well, just listen to Norman Bassett, one time director of West Bromwich, member of the football family who has decorated the Soccer scene almost from the time a ball was first kicked in earnest. His reply: "Tubbs! Sixty per cent is the highest mark I should give, and I should know what goes on."

No idle words these. Norman Bassett is going to shake up that offending 40 per cent when he produces his new Soccer book in the autumn. One chapter with the shattering title "The Game Sinks" looks like blowing the lid clean off some fairly unsavoury moments in the great world of football.

The Soccer spivs continue to thrive in the player black market. One top-ranking manager frankly told me: "My club has strictly refused to give a thing beyond the limit to which a player is entitled. For that I am grateful. We are among the few clubs I know who have made this stand. But when we go out to buy the star players what chance have we when we can only offer the advantages of coming to a good club?"

Yet these Soccer spivs remain undaunted. It is difficult to say undetected. These cash-grabbing stars have openly asked clubs for money. They were turned down. But they were not exposed.

A manager who lost a player because he refused to pay under the counter, shrugged his shoulders: "Why kick up a fuss? The player's club will say we rattled and it will be more difficult than ever to get players." These are facts given to me, but once again the managers plead: "Don't quote me, I don't want to start anything." But facts they are, and not just isolated cases.

CENTRAL OFFICE NEEDED

But there are strong men around football. A big boss was told that his international had

JAKE TULI KNOCKS OUT ITALIAN

London, Feb. 10. Jake Tuli of South Africa, the British Empire Flyweight Champion, preserved his unbeaten record when he knocked out Nazareno Giannelli, Italian Champion, in the sixth round of their scheduled ten-round contest tonight.

Giannelli was dropped with a left hook to the liver just after the sixth round had started, and although he tried to beat the going he fell over the bottom rope and was counted out. For a considerable time he lay on the canvas while the doctor administered to him. He was eventually carried to his corner obviously in great pain, and after some time was carried to his dressing room.

The end came as a great surprise, for Giannelli had been more than holding his own against the tough little Zulu.

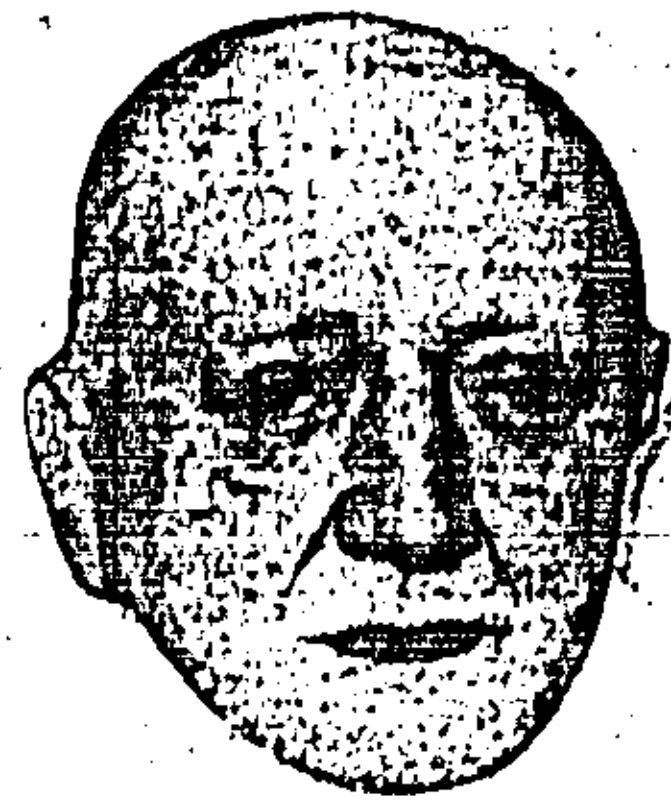
HKCC TEAM TO PLAY SERVICES

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club in a two-day cricket match against Combined Services at Chater Road on Sunday and Monday, February 16 and 17.

D. W. Lench (Capt.), I. Stanbury, C. T. Rowe, R. W. Franklin, E. A. Weller, G. H. P. Prithard, R. W. Macpherson, J. D. Shanahan, K. G. Spink, T. P. Mahood, C. B. Connell.

Play will commence at noon on Sunday and at 11 a.m. on Monday. Stumps will be drawn at 6 p.m. on each day.

DESMOND HACKETT shows up the Soccer evils ... Continuing the series, SWEEP THE ARENA



Says MR BOB SMITH, Manchester City chairman: "Under-the-table payment... can kill the game."

an urge to move. The player was brusquely told that if he went to a certain club there would be an inquiry. The player stays.

Do the chiefs of football still insist there is no need for a clean-up after my racket dossier, and no need for a Soccer sweep when an unfashionable club

openly admits: "We have to pay players to come to us or they would not sign?"

They make no attempt to cover up their shattering of the transfer laws. In fact players at the club freely discuss how much they received.

The clean-up point here is plain. The Football League should arrange a central organisation for transfers. All negotiations should be made through the League organisation. A small percentage off the transfer fees would cover any costs.

WHERE'S MONKEY No. 4?

Well, you have had a glimpse into the murky depths of only a couple of the modern football rackets. And still the football chiefs—like the three wise monkeys—see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil.

There should be a fourth monkey with his hand over his nose; because anyone who thinks this game is all lavender, sweet and clean must still sincerely believe in Father Christmas.

(London Express Service)

And Now For The Racket Dossier

Consider this list of black marks:

● Soccer smudge No. 1: An international with a Midlands club, having got his house and his job, had no intention of doing any work outside Soccer. He merely wanted to be on the payroll. He was too idle even to go to collect his wages.

After being away from the job for two weeks he was fired. He left the club. The lure was the promise of a shop from his new club. But nobody talked.

● Soccer smudge No. 2: Down from the north came a Second Division club to see a transfer-seeking international. The interview ended abruptly when the player asked for £1,000. No deal. But nobody talked.

● Soccer smudge No. 3: The player refused to make a move when his cash demand was turned down. He went back to his club, who agreed to give him what he asked out of the fee. Still nobody talked.

● Soccer smudge No. 4: A new Soccer star, given the tempting offer of a rise from Third Division to First Division, brought along his wife, who did most of the demanding. When she started to talk along the lines of £1,000 it was rapidly rejected. The player moved to another club. But nobody talked.

Questions In Eire's Parliament On Purchase Of Tulyar

Dublin, Feb. 10. The purchase of the Aga Khan's crack racehorse Tulyar by the Irish National Stud for a quarter of a million sterling was raised in Dail Eireann, the Irish Parliament, tonight.

Labour deputy Sean Dunne who raised the matter as one of urgent public importance, said nobody in his senses would regard the purchase as a prudent transaction. He said that the majority of the Irish people were seriously concerned about this price for a horse.

Asked if the Government approved the price paid, Mr. T. Walsh, Minister for Agriculture, said in reply that the Government had no function in the purchase.

The Stud directors were responsible and in buying the

best horse in the world they were discharging their duty to the country in a businesslike manner.

He added that the Aga Khan had showed his regard for Ireland by selling Tulyar at a much lower price than he could have got in the United States.

Reuter.

Charity Boxing Finals Tonight At Fleet Club

Ten interesting bouts highlight the finals of the Services Individual Charity Boxing Tournament at the China Fleet Club today, commencing 8 p.m.

The Tournament is being staged in aid of funds for the Sailors' Home and Mission to Seamen.

The programme for this evening is as follows: Featherweight—LAC Jeffrey (RAF) v. Pte Vincent (Welch). Bantamweight—Gnr Downey (173 Bty) v. SAC Parkinson (RAF).

Lightweight—Gnr Quirk (14 Ed) v. Pte Marley (Wills). Light Heavyweight—AC Lacey (RAF) v. Gnr. Surtees (170 Bty). S/M Bickerton (Royal Navy) v. Sgt. Morgan (Welch).

Light Heavyweight—Cpl. Bubb (Wills) v. L/C Godfrey (Welch). Heavyweight—Cpl. G. H. P. Prithard (RAF) v. Cpl. G. H. P. Prithard (RAF). Middleweight—SAC Smyth (RAF) v. Bdr. Laws (173 Bty). Light Middleweight—LAC McLoughlin (RAF) v. Sgtn. Hunter (Hongkong Signals). Welterweight—Cpl. J. A. King (RAF) v. AC King (RAF).

ATTACK WILL TAKE THE CUP—DEFENCE IS LESS IMPORTANT TODAY

By TOM FINNEY

One of football's statisticians has discovered a new method of finding the side which will take the FA Cup from Wembley. Four times in the past five seasons, he states, the trophy has gone to the side, which has scored most goals in the League when the third round games were played.

Now this is most interesting. It hits hard at the old idea that a sound, watertight defence is essential for success in this toughest of all competitions.

Before the war, this was true. Arsenal could trace three Wembley appearances inside ten years to a solid defence built around the "third-back" planning of the two Herberts, manager Chapman and centre-half Roberts.

West Bromwich and Preston each made two appearances in the season's showpiece. They also possessed a style which did not concede an inch in defence.

ATTACK ESSENTIAL NOW

But now the record book seems to prove that those days have gone. The emphasis, and rightly, is on attack and goals. The public, ultimate criterion, demands that it should be so.

Stuart McMillan, long-standing manager at Derby, has always realised this. He took the Cup from Wembley in the first post-war season largely because he invested in two of the game's greatest inside-forwards—Peter Doherty, the flame-haired Irishman, and Ralph Carter, silvering genius of many an England attack.

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NEW STYLE FORWARDS

We, at Preston, have, I think, come into line with the new trend. As long as I can remember, North End have been famous for an essentially Scottish style of Soccer. And very pretty it is to watch, too.

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West Indies Lead India By 134 Runs With 7 Wickets In Hand

Bridgetown, Barbados, Feb. 10. The West Indies, with seven second innings wickets still to fall, had a lead of 134 runs over India at the close of the third day of the Second Test match here today.

They gained a first innings lead of 43 runs when they dismissed India for 253 in reply to their total of 296, and when stumps were drawn the West Indies had made 91 for the loss of three wickets in their second innings.

India were in a favourable position when play was resumed today for they were only 141 runs behind on the first innings with eight wickets still to fall. They collapsed, however, against a keen and varied West Indies attack, their remaining wickets adding only 88 runs in less than three hours.

Mr. Aple, 64, and V. S. Hazare, 63, were dismissed with only one run added to the overnight score, and after they had gone Polly Umrigar, who made 50 runs, was the only batsman able to cope with the West Indies attack, in which Alfred Valentine was outstanding with four for 58.

A SHOCK The West Indies received a shock when they opened their second innings for Bruce Fairbairn, who made a century in the First Test, which was drawn, was sent back to the pavilion without a run on the board.

They also lost two other star batsmen in Frank Worrell and Everton Weekes, with only 47 runs scored, but Jeff Stollmeyer and Gerry Gomez carefully played out time.

India appeared to regain a grip of the game when Phadkar, clean bowled Worrell before he had settled down and Markand beat Weekes with a sharp leg break.

But Gomez, promoted to the batting order because of Worrell's injury, not only survived, but scored faster than Stollmeyer.

In 60 minutes they added 44 runs for an unfinished fourth wicket standstill.

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"MENTOR"	22nd Feb.
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"ANTIOCHUS"	10th Mar.
"PELEUS"	16th Mar.
"MENTOR"	23rd Mar.
"ALCINOUS"	29th Mar.
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Notice to Shareholders

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-First Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 6th March, 1953, at Noon for the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and the Auditors' Report thereon.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1952.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 21st February, 1953 to 6th March, 1953, both days inclusive.

 By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. B. S. THOMSON,
 Secretary

Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1953.

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Relevant Phrase Is "Release And Repatriate"

London, Feb. 10.

The United Nations Korea Command's refusal to forcibly repatriate prisoners of war is in strict accord with the letter of the 1949 Geneva Convention, the Foreign Under-Secretary, Lord Reading, told the House of Lords today.

He said that ultimately the United Nations position rested on a moral basis.

Lord Samuel (Liberal) today asked Lord Reading to make it clear that the principles governing the United Nations refusal to undertake forcible repatriation of prisoners of war were in conformity with the 1949 Geneva Convention.

Lord Reading commented on the relevant article 118 of the Convention stating that prisoners must be released and repatriated without delay after the cessation of hostilities.

He said: "It is incorrect to read into this law more than it actually says."

"The term 'repatriate' cannot properly be interpreted to mean forcibly repatriate, which introduces quite a different conception and one which is foreign to the whole spirit of the prisoner of war convention. The relevant phrase is release and repatriate."

"Forcible repatriation," Lord Reading said, "would involve precisely the opposite from release."

Lord Reading said the Convention was intended mainly for the benefit of prisoners themselves.

"Its purpose was to safeguard the rights of individual prisoners and impose an obligation on States to respect those rights."

He said that prisoners could not in any circumstances renounce the rights accorded to them by the Convention.—Reuter.

Children Find Mother Dead

New York, Feb. 10.

Two small children found their mother dead of a heart attack in their tenement home early today and American Red Cross officials were asked to bring back their father from Korea.

Mrs. Bertha McKee, 30, apparently died in her sleep in her flat. Her children, Joseph, 9, and Marcel, 6, tugged at her and their cries brought neighbours who called the Police.

Their father, Sergeant Joseph McKee, is reported to be on duty as an Air Force medical corpsman "somewhere in Korea."

Red Cross officials said that they would try to get emergency furlough for the Sergeant who is a veteran of World War II.—United Press.

NOTICE

HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children will be held in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post, Ltd., on Friday, February 20, 1953 at 5.30 p.m.

All members are earnestly requested to be present and an invitation is cordially extended to members of the public interested in Child Welfare.

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Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CORFU"	11th February	14th March
"CHUBAN"	11th February	20th March
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"OLINDA"	due 12th Feb. sails 13th Feb.	from Karachi, Bombay, Colombo & Singapore for Japan.
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Tributes To Late Indian Minister

London, Feb. 10.

The British government sent the government of India today a message expressing its regret and sympathy with the Republic at the death of the Indian Defence Minister, Sir N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar.

The news evoked great sympathy in British political circles and a number of tributes was paid to Sir Gopalaswami.

At the New York headquarters of the United Nations, where Sir Gopalaswami was well-known, high officials were grieved at his death.

Sir Gopalaswami was well-known to many of them as leader of the Indian delegation which presented India's case on the Kashmir issue to the Security Council in 1948.

It was only a few weeks ago that Sir Gopalaswami's name was heard in the Security Council Chamber when statements he had made in 1948 were referred to in the still continuing debates over Kashmir.—Reuter.

Released On Parole

Born, Feb. 10.

Former German General Walter Kuntze, one of Hitler's top generals in the Balkans, was released today from the American "War" crimes "brigade" at Landsberg on medical parole.

Kuntze was convicted at Nuremberg in the so-called "hostages case" and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Today's announcement by the U. S. High Commission "means that Kuntze will be able to live at home, as he is permitted because of the state of his health."—Associated Press.

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